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Right-Turn Lane PROJECT

Preparations to begin work on the Right-turn Lane Project started in May and work began in June. A partnering conference was held at the ADOT Globe Office, where the County met with local utility companies, the City of Globe, and the Contractor, ShowLow Construction to make the final preparations. The project site is located on US 60 at M.P. 251.75 at the entrance of the Gila County Courthouse. The work consists of removal of concrete sidewalk, curb and gutter, sign, excavating and pouring concrete foundation for relocated light poles, grading, placing aggregate base, paving, installation of handrail, striping and other incidental work. It is expected to be complete sometime mid-July.



FAIRGROUNDS WALL

The Fairgrounds wall project is now complete. Jonovich Construction was awarded the contract for the construction of a 9 foot retaining wall. Included was the stairway and chain link fence surrounding the Grandstand Area, and vertical curb around the upper parking area. Paving was done by Road Crews. The City of Globe did the relocation of a water line and fire hydrant. APS relocated the power line. Inmate crews were used to install the decorative rock and geoweb. Also, newly designated Handicapped parking stalls by Dean Rodgers and Mike Golden from the Sign Department. Finally, the roadway striping was done by Traffic Safety Inc.



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Administration

The month of May was “Let’s all be Tobacco-Free” for our Wellness Program. The Gila County School Superintendent’s Office offered a Smoking/Tobacco Use Cessation class to those interested. The classes are FREE and on-going; flexible group and individual consultations are available, for more information, employees can contact Christy Rocha at 402-8789 to check on class availability. Employees were awarded 300 wellness points for the COMPLETION of a Smoking/Tobacco Use Cessation class or if they were a non-tobacco user. Good job to those Public Works Division employees who are non-tobacco users or who attended the cessation class. And just a friendly reminder to please continue answering those trivia questions and keeping track of your activity points in your Wellness Diaries. There are still plenty of upcoming wellness events this year, they include: *Men’s Health Day, CATSCAN 2000, 5 A Day Challenge, Women’s Health Day, M.O.M., Team Walking Challenge 2, Healthwaves Flu/Pneumonia Vaccines, and Stress Relief month.*

Engineering

Engineering Department would like to welcome their newest employee, Jonathan Ortega. Jonathan comes to us from the sign department. He is currently a National Guard Reservist who has served his Country overseas in Iraq. In his free time he enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time with his children. The Engineering Department is currently managing the Right Turn Lane into the Gila County Courthouse. The project is being constructed by ShowLow Construction. The project should be complete sometime in July. The various departments within Engineering have all been busy on projects; The Sign Department is continuing to work on the ACIP Roadway Safety Survey, the Survey Department is busy installing NGS Survey Monuments in the Young area for the densification of the area. The development in and around the Payson area has been keeping the Floodplain Department busy with inspections. And the GIS Department is currently updating the Gila County Road Atlas and reviewing software options for our pavement management and inventory system. I would like to thank all of the Engineering Department Employees for their support of the walking challenge held in April and encourage their continued support of the County’s Wellness Program including the upcoming Men’s Health Fair.

The WINNING TEAM for the recently held Walking Challenge were the “Hardhats” with a total of 4,274,028 steps. Team members included Jonathan Ortega, Mike Golden, Randy Burkhalter, and Fletcher Petty. Congratulations guys!!

Facilities Management

Since February, the Facilities guys have been up in Payson working hard to complete the new Recorder’s Office. This is a completely new addition to the Assessor’s Office building and they are really excited about the wonderful work that has been done. It is located at 201 West Frontier. The GRAND OPENING was held Wednesday, June 16th, 2004, at 10:00 am. Be sure to stop by and see the new building when you are in the area.

Consolidated Roads & Auto Equipment Shops

The Fairgrounds project has been completed during the month of April and everyone is very proud of the finished project. All the participating departments deserve a big THANK YOU & JOB WELL DONE. The Copper Division attended the Rule 10 - Drugs and Alcohol policy (Revision) class. JoAnn, Leon and Pat attended the Defensive Driving Course held at the Emergency Services conference room. The Globe Road crew started in May with their chip seal projects. Old



Hwy 88 from 88 North to Holiday Hills, Bixby Road, Quail Ridge, Hoopes Drive, Walliman Road, Daybreak Drive and Blue Ridge were chip sealed in the Globe area. The Tonto Basin and Timber Region crews joined them to help chip seal Old Hwy 88, the Walnut Springs area and then we moved on to the Gisela Road and Sycamore Lane in Gisela. They still have ongoing vegetation control, blading and patching projects and one of their storage areas has been wired and lights installed, thanks to Facilities Management. During the months of April and May, the Timber Region Roads Department has been working on Patching, Crack sealing, Tree Removal, Routine Blading, Road Safety Survey, Vegetation Control, and Resurfacing on FSR 512. The Timber Region also attended training on Rule 10 - Drugs and Alcohol policy (Revision) class and APS presented an electrical safety training at the Star Valley Maintenance yard. *Timber Shop is very proud of their safety record now at 1060 days.* Looking forward to 1100. Glen, Austin and Terry attended an advanced air conditioning diagnostic training class sponsored by NAPA the evening of June 7th. Terry Wollgast, the Diesel Shop's newest employee has been doing a wonderful job: a very hard worker, an asset to the County.

Solid Waste

Congratulations to the Russell Gulch Landfill employees—they have gone 830 days without an accident. The Solid Waste Department has been very involved in community clean up projects. Buckhead Mesa

Landfill had their free weekend on April 17th & 18th, the 640 vehicles that came in brought - 253.3 tons of debris along with 39 car batteries, 242 gallons of used motor oil and 1,597 tires. Bins were furnished to the Tonto Basin Kiwanis club for a spring clean up and 10.15 tons of metal and 2.94 tons of furniture were dropped off. In the community clean up in Gisela 2 bins were furnished, collected were 6.53 tons of debris, 40 tires 132 batteries, 4 refrigerators. The Solid Waste Department assisted the Town of Payson with a Spring clean up by furnishing bins for the tires and metal that was collected. There was such a huge response that it required 6 bins to haul all of the metal that was dropped off that day. The contribution by the Solid Waste included: 30 labor hours, 6 bins of metal with a weight of 20.4 tons valued at \$913.31, 1 bin for 297 tires. Also, the transfer truck drove 192 miles, and used 53 gallons of fuel. To date the Russell Gulch landfill has recycled 191 tons of paper. Recently, Sharon Radanovich and Diana Jones were at the ADEQ office on May 25th to give an oral presentation to request grant funding for additional paper bins.